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1. VANCE/PARK TALKS. FRONTPAGE TERATMENT NOTES MAIN POINTS WERE 1) "SPEEDY SETTLEMENT OF PENDING ISSUES"; 2) COMPENSATORY MEASURES. REPORT VANCE SAYING HE CAN'T PREDICT OUTCOME OF COMPENSATORY BILL IN CONGRESS; ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR COMPENSATORY MEASURES; AND WITHDRAWAL PLAN REMAINS UNCHANGED. PRESS NOTES DISCUSSIONS INCLUDED "METHODS BY WHICH ROKG COULD MEET CONGRESS'DEMAND FOR KIM TONG-CHO TESTIMONY WITHOUT SCARIFICING IMMUNITY PRIVILEGE". REPORT "DOS OFFICIAL" SAID VANCE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER ETHICS CMTE PERSISTENCE IN SEEKING TESTIMONY AND PARK "ENCOURAGED" BY DOS POSITION. QUOTE PARK, "KOREA CAN NEVER CONSENT TO ABANDONING POSITION OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY PRIVILEGE". HOWEVER, TONGA ILBO WASH CORRESPONDENT NOTED PARK'S REPLY TO

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REPORTER'S QUESTION IF THERE WERE ANY POSSIBLE METHOD OF COOPERATION, SUCH AS KIM ACTING ON HIS OWN FREE WILL. PARK RESPONDED THAT HE COULDN'T SAY YES OR NO. BECAUSE HE HAS NOT CONSIDERED SUCH A POSSIBILITY. CORRESPONDENT CONCLUDED PARK THUS DID NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF ROKG MOVEMENT ON THIS ISSUE, AND PAPER COMMENTS PARK WAS "EVASIVE" IN ANSWERING.

2. TEAM SPIRIT. HEAVY COVERAGE ON FIRST DAY OF EXERCISE. SINA ILBO NOTED USSR HAS DENOUNCED EXERCISE FOUR TIMES OVER RADIO, BUT PRC ONLY ONCE, WHEN IT CARRIED NODONG SINMUN ARTICLE.

3. TITO VISIT. WIRE SERVICE REPORTS SAY TITO IS CARRYING "UNOFFICIAL MESSAGE TO CARTER FROM NORTH KOREA".

4. PTS. NYTIMES ARTICLE CARRIED SAYING PTS ADMITTED GIVING PASSMAN $50,000 A YEAR FOR FOUR YEARS; PTS SAYING PASSMAN ASKED FOR THE MONEY AND PTS REGARDED

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